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Foreword

IN SPITE of what generations of fathers and mothers have impressed upon their youngsters, it isn't necessarily true in the least that "your schooldays are the happiest days of your life." Half-a-dozen "cuts" can be equally as upsetting as an interview with the bank manager, or rejected overtures for the hand of the maiden who takes your fancy. But no normal human being could deny the nostalgia that Time wraps around those school years.

After even only a quarter of a century, "going back" is a moving experience: meeting the old classmates; being tactful about Time's broadening influence on your former sweetheart and battling again the matches you lost and won in striped jerseys and whites. So it is with a measure of satisfaction that the Jubilee Committee places in your hands this memento of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Waimate High School from February 19 to 22, 1954.

They were a grand milestone in the history of the old school—really old if we remember its predecessor, the Waimate District High School, with the pride it deserves. Between seven and eight hundred old pupils assembled, drawn from North Auckland to Southland. Past rectors and members of the teaching staff came, too. As nothing else could do so dramatically, the great reunion bespoke our loyalty to the school and its lasting influence on our lives. Meeting again the various "Mr Chips"—their sternness melted by the years, but their shrewd appraisal no less discerning—was a stimulating experience.

The Jubilee Committee regret the delay between the promise and the appearance of this record. We assure you it was unavoidable and we hope this publication matches your expectations. It has been judged appropriate to seize the peg offered by the Silver Jubilee and hang on it a concise history of Waimate High School to the time of the celebrations. Here will be found the reminiscences of all its rectors, some (but not too many) statistics, references to its performances in peace and war, in scholarship and in sport, and a pictorial and written record of the jubilee celebrations. It is intended to be a souvenir you will cherish and a starting-point for future historians.

Your committee take this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude the enthusiastic assistance that readily came from every quarter to ensure the undoubted success of the Silver Jubilee occasion. School and community united in a

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SCHOOL HONOURS—IN PEACE AND WAR

thrilling demonstration of fervour that will not readily be forgotten. Finally, as chairman, I should like to thank every member of the Jubilee Committee for their unbounded enthusiasm, sheer hard work and esprit de corps which for months beforehand laid the foundation on which we built memorably.

To all old pupils everywhere: Greetings! "Qui Non Proficit Deficit," the legend is writ—and the Waimate High School shall go forward!

Yours sincerely,

GEO. F. HEWSON,

Chairman, Jubilee Committee.

The School Down the Years

"QUI NON PROFICIT DEFICIT"

J. S. Thomson, M.A., Dip.Ed.

THERE WILL be many people who appreciate the exact meaning of the Latin phrase for to them it is the motto of the Waimate High School. Some six hundred ex-pupils of this school, travelling from as far north as Auckland and from as far south as Invercargill, enjoyed the festive atmosphere attendant upon the Silver Jubilee occasion and at the same time paid homage to their school. The enthusiasm of the Jubilee Committee responsible for the organisation of functions has been signal testimony to the interest ex-pupils have in their school, and the response to its jubilee invitations has been no less significant.

The story of Waimate High School stretches back in time much farther than a Silver Jubilee would tend to suggest, for by Government legislation "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Management of the Waimate High School" was passed on 8th September, 1883. This act provided for the incorporation of the Waimate High School Board of Governors, and empowered this body to "establish and maintain in Waimate a school or schools for higher education of boys or of girls or of both." The composition of the first Board of Governors provided for under the Act was the same as that which exists today, except that there were no parents' representatives.

The First Board

The board was vested with the control of land grants totalling approximately 1300 acres, and was charged, besides administering monies accruing from its lands, to give financial assistance to a District High School, which was established in 1884, and by Clause 19 of the Act to set aside certain portions in a reserve fund. So well did the Waimate High School Board discharge its obligations, that by 1928 the reserve fund stood at £4477/4/6. The first meeting of the Board of Governors appointed under the Act was held on Wednesday, 5th December, 1883, in the Court-house, Waimate. There, Mr W. J. Steward (later Sir Wm. Steward) was unanimously elected chairman. The preliminaries necessary for the establishment of a school for higher education had been completed.

Through the years the District High School grew in numbers and had under its influence many men who have made their mark in the world. The time was to come, however, when change was inevitable. In 1927 the Education Department called upon the Board of Governors to show reason why it should not go out of existence and its reserves and accumulated funds be diverted to the general purposes of education throughout New Zealand. The department, nevertheless, was most impressed with the manner in which finances had been managed in the past, and little difficulty was found in persuading its officers that a full High School was now necessary to provide educational facilities for an increasing number of pupils desirous of secondary education. In 1928 events had moved as far as discussing the plans of the new building and the first Rector of the Waimate High School, Mr D. S. Chisholm, had been appointed.

In 1929 the original roll of the Waimate High School stood at 130 pupils, and five permanent and four part-time teachers were appointed to the staff. During the first twenty-two weeks of the first year of the High School's existence the work of the school was carried on in temporary accommodation while the new building grew nearer to completion. (Rumour hath it that with classes scattered over an area of one borough block, and some housed in St Augustine's Hall, ringing the bell to signify the end of periods entailed quite a long walk. Apparently this was one daily task for which there was no dearth of volunteers!)

Volunteers To The Fore

On Wednesday, 24th July, 1929, the new building was occupied. Within three and a-half years the rude natural

state of the school site had been changed. By dint of ceaseless voluntary work by staff and pupils, several hundreds of shrubs, belts of shelter trees, two level football fields, gravelled paths and flower borders appealed to the onlooker's eye. Four fives courts and two tennis courts were added in the same period so that by 1932 an impartial Inspectorial Report on the school observed that "there are many indications of a growing pride in the school on the part of both pupils and staff."

Gradually the number of pupils attending the school grew, until in 1938 the roll stood at 202, and additional staff had been appointed. These two trends have continued to be manifest during the years that followed up to the present day. To meet these new conditions three new rooms were added to the main block in 1938, and four years later the erection of two separate buildings for woodwork and metalwork, and homecraft teaching, gave to the High School staff facilities for specialisation which were destined to be utilised, not only by the pupils themselves, but the Primary School pupils of the Waimate district and the community as a whole.

A second science room was also built to the main block and now houses equipment equal to the best provided anywhere in New Zealand. This year has seen the completion of a well-planned art and music room to the school buildings, and may also witness the construction of a school assembly hall. In common with other post-primary schools in the Dominion Waimate High School has felt the influence of modern educational changes. Both inside and outside the school the provision of a great deal of specialised equipment is evidence of the success with which those changes have been met.

In a jubilee year one may be permitted to take stock of an institution such as a school. The first Rector, Mr D. S. Chisholm, now retired, was succeeded by Mr M. Leadbetter, now Rector of Waitaki Boys' High School. During the war years the late Mr D. A. Bird acted in a relieving capacity while Mr Leadbetter took leave of absence for military duties. In 1946, Mr Leadbetter was succeeded by Dr A. L. M. Perry, the present Rector of the School.

The Numbers Grow

Though this year's roll stands at the record number of 296 pupils, by comparison with other post-primary schools Waimate High School is small. Its teaching staff has increased to thirteen permanent and four part-time teachers.



DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL OLD PUPILS

Through 25 years both pupils and teaching staff have more than doubled their numbers. Each day over one hundred pupils are conveyed to their High School from every point of the compass within a 20-mile radius on five bus service routes. Twelve primary schools contribute their senior pupils each year to the High School roll and in addition receive for their own three hundred Form I and II children manual instruction once a week throughout the year. Though there is no boarding establishment associated with the school, boarding subsidies have enabled a significant number of isolated country children to embark upon a course of higher learning.

A multi-course co-educational High School is a particularly appropriate educational service for the Waimate district, offering as it does professional, agricultural, industrial, commercial and home-life courses, and enabling it to satisfy the varied demands of the business and farming communities at large, as well as offering the facilities necessary for a high standard of scholarship for the professions. Waimate is indeed fortunate in its possession of educational facilities which provide a continuous path from the kindergarten to University Scholarship examinations. School Certificate courses are offered in over a dozen subjects, in a school which is, in addition, on the accrediting list for University Entrance examinations.

Links With Community

Besides providing technical and manual instruction for day pupils, and practical wool-classing closely linked with the agricultural course based on the local needs of the farming community, the Waimate High School began in earnest to provide technical and cultural instruction facilities for the adult community in 1948, when twelve groups attended evening classes in a variety of subjects. Last year over 180 people took advantage of this service. It is difficult to see where the school could do more to adjust its function to the needs of the community.

At a period in New Zealand's history when understaffing and overcrowding are daily obstacles to educational progress, the Waimate High School has never had to suffer from staff shortages. Part of the reason for this lies in the appeal of the congenial and pleasant school environment. The main block of modern buildings, made up of seventeen teaching rooms and a library, stands amidst an attractive and colourful setting of expansive lawns, flower beds and beautiful trees, some five acres in extent, while adjoining it

are a further nine acres of level grass playing-field completely sheltered by trees. When one thinks of some larger schools in this respect, one can only admire the foresight of those responsible for the planning of the school's environs and envy the district for possessing such a distinct asset.

In 1929 the Waimate High School crest, which was then adopted, was a modification of that already possessed by the Waimate County Council since 1876. It will no doubt be heartening to those responsible for this decision to learn that at the present time the Waimate High School receives support from almost all of the eligible pupils in the Waimate district. This is as it should be, but at the same time one should seek the justification of such a situation. A school is not great just because it is big. Big things can be good or they can be bad, and size does not make them one or the other.

The Real Standard

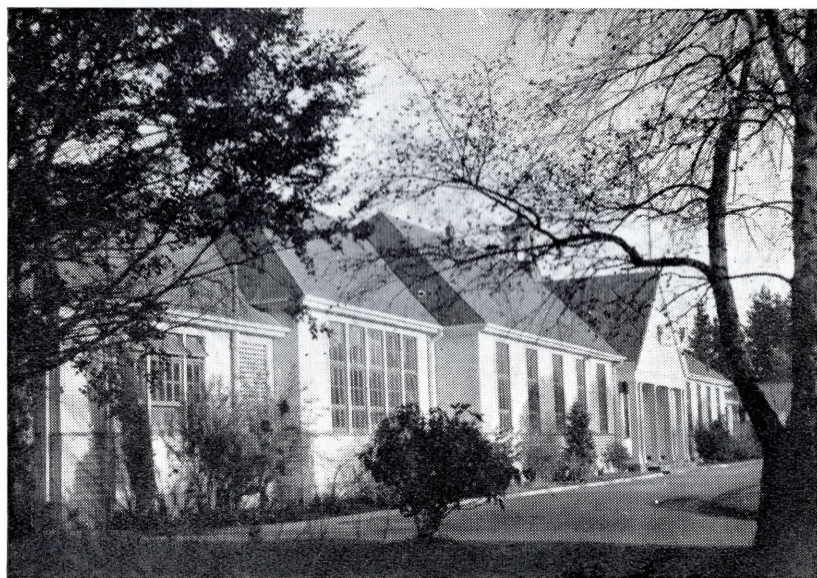
A school can place a great deal of emphasis on its long tradition, but in itself tradition does not make a school great. A science is not a science simply by virtue of its matter, but is known as a science by the methods it employs. Likewise a school is not great, good, or even bad, simply by virtue of long existence. The real standard by which any school must be judged is the degree to which its functions are successfully integrated with the needs of the community it serves, and the degree to which it succeeds in attaining those ideals it posits for itself. Judged by this standard the Waimate High School may be justly proud of its short existence and can look forward to the future with confidence.

There are many ex-pupils in Waimate who provide justification for the pride in their school. Sharing common experience in a living community has given them sufficient basis to face the difficulties of the world, and the trend of their conversation at the Jubilee Celebrations might have been typified by such questions such as, "Do you remember the day when—?" or observations that "Old Mac is ageing a little." But they, in particular, would realise the significant contribution the school has made to their lives and appreciate the thought behind the first verse of the School Hymn:

*"Land of our Birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our place,
As men and women with our race."*



THE BARE ESSENTIAL—1929



"WHAT A TRANSFORMATION"—1954

The First Forty-six Years

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL IN RETROSPECT

By T. A. Wilson, Esq. 1915-1918

ALTHOUGH IT may be of little interest to those pupils who have passed through the present school during the last two decades, or indeed not even heard of by many of them, the name of the Waimate District High School evokes in those who passed through its portals feelings of gratitude and pride. It is fitting, therefore, that some comments with regard to the District High School should be recorded in this publication, as it was upon the foundations laid by its predecessor that the present school arose and has been so successful.

The Secondary Department in the old District High School was formed in 1883, probably about the time the brick school, which stood where the present Primary School now stands, was built. Naturally in those days the pupils were very few in number; so few indeed that they had no separate room, occupied part of the room in which Standards 5 and 6 were taught, and were taught by teachers who also taught in the Primary Department. These teachers appeared to be very capable and well educated and, notwithstanding their divided duties, were able to give a good deal of individual attention to the pupils. The result was outstanding, and the District High School soon built up a reputation for sound scholastic attainment.

Although the Waimate High School Board of Governors had then been constituted by a Public Act, it had, in the absence of a separate school, little expenses. It was able, therefore, to devote some of its income toward the subsidising of teachers in the Secondary Department and also created a number of annual scholarships, carrying boarding allowances in appropriate cases. The reputation of the school and the existence of these scholarships soon began to attract pupils from surrounding districts, and in later years the availability of Junior and Senior National Scholarships also, with substantial boarding allowances, added to the numbers attending.

During those days, and indeed even within the period of the present High School, pupils used to come in by train from Waihao Downs, Glenavy in the south and Makikihi or Otaio in the north. At present country pupils with their speedy bus transport have little to complain of when they compare their lot with that of the train pupils starting from

Waihao Downs at 7.20 o'clock on a winter's morning and coming through the freezing Gorge, and not returning to their homes until nearly 8 o'clock in the evening. Those who travelled from Studholme will frequently remember with what glee they greeted the ineffectual efforts of the old engine to get the train beyond the curve around the present football grounds and thereby delay the time of arrival at school.

Early Pupils

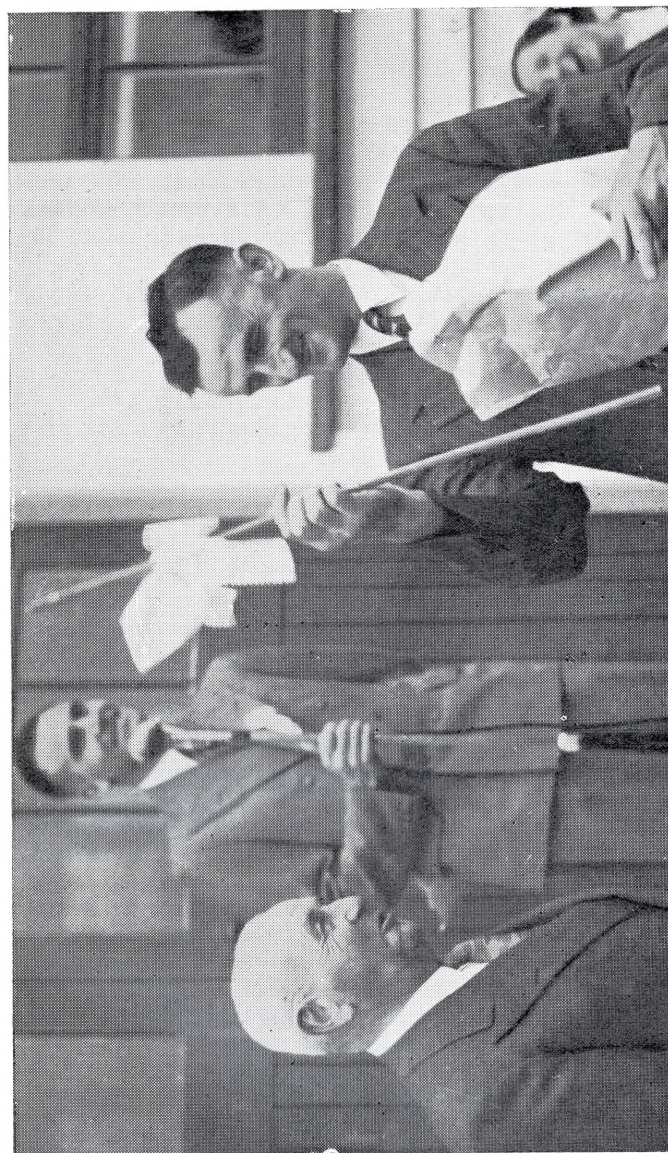
Amongst the earliest pupils at the school some can call to mind Miss Annie Bruce, who was the first in the Secondary Department to pass the matriculation examination but, being two years under the prescribed age, had to sit and pass again two years later. Another well-known personality who was one of the first pupils of the Secondary Department was the late T. B. Strong, M.A., B.Sc., who subsequently became Director of Education.

The earlier headmasters were: Mr William Ward, 1882-1884; Mr Alexander Grant, M.A., 1884-1889; Mr J. C. Adams, B.A.; Mr Smyth, later Dr Smyth, Principal of the Teachers' Training College, Melbourne; Mr George Pitcaithly, 1895-1917; Mr Andrew Bain, B.A., 1918-1920; Mr John Brunton, M.A., 1921-1922; Mr John McLeod, B.A., 1923-1924; Mr L. F. Pegler, B.A., 1925-1927; and finally, as acting head, Mr J. L. Menzies, the first old boy of the school to hold that position.

Mr Pitcaithly was appointed on June 10, 1895, when there were only 14 pupils in the Secondary Department. With characteristic energy he started to reorganise the Secondary Department by creating two distinct and separate institutions. He agitated for a separate High School room, which was granted, and the old small room at the north end of the old school was built to hold some thirty pupils, which was thought to be the limit to which the school would go. Full-time teachers in the Secondary Department assisted Mr Pitcaithly, who will be long remembered from his teaching of Latin. Because of the willing and excellent co-operation of those teachers, the Secondary Department, through successes in scholarship and in other outside examinations, soon added to its good reputation. The numbers grew rapidly and soon an additional room had to be built.

Technical Classes

The development of technical education soon followed. The Waimate District High School was the first to start



HISTORY (ALMOST) REPEATS ITSELF. First-day pupils attending the celebrations enjoyed the humour of the situation when one of their number, George O'Malley, now of Christchurch, received the cane ceremonially from the first Rector, Mr D. S. Chisholm, now of Dunedin. On the first day school opened in 1929 George received it much more painfully in the first half-hour, setting a tradition handed down (or out) ever since, as occasion demanded.

technical classes in South Canterbury, and Miss Lily Wilson, later Mrs James McLeod, was most successful in thoroughly establishing cookery classes. At the same time, Mr Chaplin established the classes in woodwork. The present Technical Building (now the Primary Assembly Hall) was the outcome of persistent agitation and was the first to be erected in South Canterbury.

Many highly-qualified teachers served on the staff of the Secondary Department, but perhaps those who are now best remembered are the late Mr T. M. Laing, B.A., who was a member for nearly thirty years, and Miss M. Olliver, M.A., M.Sc. Mr Laing, a bachelor, may, in addition to his sound teaching, best be remembered for his shrewd, kindly and helpful influence exerted in all sorts of quiet ways in and out of the school. One remembers, too, that he was always particularly interested in the small boys playing marbles, and in the earlier years played in the school cricket team. He had a herculean task, as he had for many years to teach practically all subjects of the curriculum to no fewer than three classes to matriculation standard.

Miss Olliver was on the staff for over fifteen years, and during that time achieved not only noble work but brilliant successes. Her devotion to her work was untiring. At all times she believed in treating the young people under her charge not as children but as men and women, and endeavoured always to consider their feelings and aspirations by showing a remarkable sympathy with and interest in their affairs. Her broad view of education had regard to the mental, moral, physical and social development of her pupils, who will reflect gratefully upon her helpful influence.

Sports Under Difficulties

It appears that in the earlier years sports were played under considerable difficulties, not only because of the lack of numbers, but also because of unsuitable grounds. One of the earlier football grounds was Grigson's paddock in Upper High Street. It was not for very many years that the football paddock, where the present school now stands, was acquired and levelled and made full use of. A tennis court was also built there for the girls, but this disappeared when the present school was built.

Even in the earliest days the Secondary Department had its football teams and cricket teams in which the masters and pupil teachers were roped in to help; all had to play. At some periods cricket was not taken very seriously and the height of one's ambition was to hit a ball through one of

the school windows from the old concrete pitch—an ambition subsequently foiled by wire coverings being erected.

Sports personalities who are still remembered were the Park Brothers, the Stewart family, the Hayes boys, the Hursts, the Coltmans, Dave, Jim and Bob Rattray, not forgetting Donald ("Tulie") McPherson, who was one of the star backs and who afterward achieved fame as an Otago Varsity and Guys Hospital wing threequarter. He and Bob Rattray are still living in retirement in Waimate. Later stalwarts were Bill, Steve and Con O'Connor and Bill Shrimpton.

It is recorded that the school teams used to meet Timaru and Waitaki Boys' High School First XI and First XV on fairly even terms. We old-timers, however, still have cause to remember the transport to these matches by drags, train and (when motor transport first arrived) buses with solid tyres. Remember that in those days the roads were not paved!

Made Their Mark

I have said that the pupils of the school achieved considerable success in scholastic examinations and it is not to be wondered at that the list of distinguished old pupils of the Secondary Department is one to be regarded with pride.

Amongst the many who have achieved distinction throughout New Zealand, and even throughout the world, are Professor Sir Douglas Copland, M.A., D.Sc.; Mr William Thomas, M.A., L.L.B., late Rector of Timaru Boys' High School; Professor A. McTaggart; the Park brothers from Glenavy, namely, George Park, Director of Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland; Alex Park, Commissioner of Taxes, and James Park, Secretary to the Treasury; William Stewart, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch; John Stewart, M.A., late Principal of Marlborough College, Blenheim; Charles Stewart, Principal of the Technical College, Invercargill; Gilbert Hayes, solicitor, Dargaville; Dr E. C. Hayes; Charles Foweraker, M.A., of Canterbury College staff; Dr R. H. Baxter, of Christchurch; Mr John Bird, Principal of Wanganui Technical College; Miss Alice Borrie, B.A., B.H.Sc., who was a teacher in both the District and present High Schools; Gordon Morrison, B.E.; Margaret Morrison, M.A.; Ernest H. Engelbrecht, B.E., now holding a high executive position in the Canadian General Electric Company at Toronto; A. M. Hamilton, B.E.; W. Shrimpton, M.A., now Principal of Wairarapa College; T. L. Hayman,

now M.P. for Oamaru; Eric P. Haslam, Rhodes Scholar; Rex Kippenberger; Dr R. G. Shackleton, and Matron M. L. Lindsay, M.B.E.

But enough! Had one the time to delve thoroughly into past records and write of all matters and persons of interest, during the existence of the District High School, a separate publication would be required. Necessarily in this short review many deserving of mention have been overlooked, but one person with but four or five years at the school must depend upon the recollections of others and these at this time are usually of the sketchiest nature. Will those overlooked please accept apologies?

And now to the present School—The Waimate High School. We salute you! Our hope and earnest prayer are that, building on the sound foundations established in the past, you may go on from strength to strength, and that you will be always regarded with the same deep affection we, the old pupils of the District High School, have for your predecessor.

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 Miss E. J. Coxon.
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 Miss I. M. Scoon, Mr J. S. Thomson.

The Rectors Reminisce

Mr Chisholm Looks Back

YOUR REQUEST that I should contribute an article to the Jubilee booklet along the lines of my address at the reunion and also upon my impressions of the Jubilee leaves me in no doubt as to the course I should follow. I do not favour your first suggestion; quite recently I have made two speeches in Waimate. To ask those who courteously listened to my meanderings on one, if not two, occasions to peruse a contribution on the same lines would be too great a strain on their forbearance. The second suggestion, however, makes more appeal to me.

At the outset may I state quite frankly that my recent visits to Waimate have been delightful experiences. On the first occasion at the annual prize-giving, I was able to renew my association with the school, to re-live similar gatherings and, despite the purpose of my own presence on the platform, to enjoy an excellent ceremony. It was a genuine pleasure to have the opportunity to congratulate the Board, the Rector and his staff on the results of their enthusiastic work and wise administration.

It was only after my return home that I was able to gain clear impressions of those crowded hours at the Jubilee Celebrations. In retrospect I now see that happy throng that greeted me in the Rector's study on the first evening—smiling women and husky men—making greater or less demands upon one's memory for faces—lively chatter, enquiries, marriages, children, present vocation, domicile, year of attendance, a minor bedlam—but after all only those girls and boys who sat demurely (more or less) in their desks in the first few years of the new High School. I see, too, in familiar surroundings the faces of the members of the staff of those early days, Misses Borrie, Robertson, Sewell, Stewart, Clibborn, Messrs Sawell, and Ensor, and recall my disappointment at the absence of Mr G. Aitken and Misses Wallace, Cumming and Strong.

Crowded Memories

And now, with the greetings over, comes the freedom to wander through the school and grounds. In the corridor

one halts to gaze upon the photographs and to read the names of former pupils who served in the armed forces of our Empire—a long, long pause before those who gave their lives in that service and a note of sadness creeps into our happiness. Then on the corridors we move, greeting here and chatting there, visiting classrooms familiar and unfamiliar—what a development the years have shown! Shades of the Wool Room and Pipe Band Hall!

Out into the grounds we slowly make our way, grounds once so bare and unattractive with a background of young pines, but now a graceful setting of beautiful trees, and shrubs and lawns. We follow a shady path in the wake of chattering groups. But hark! Above their laughter I seem to hear Alf Hawke's voice and the grunts of his team as another load of spoil is tipped into the dry watercourse which now lies deep beneath our feet. What a transformation and what a feeling of envy it arouses even in the placid breast of a retired old schoolmaster.

So the happy hours speed by, each bringing its reward in further interest and still more greetings. I hesitate to refer by name to those whom I rejoiced to meet once more or to those whose absence I regretted. Many, no doubt, were prevented from attendance by distance, family or business ties, or special circumstances; they were missed, and, I am emboldened to state, especially the senior pupils of the first two years.

Where were all the pupils of my first VIth Form in maths, namely (if I break my rule regarding names) Doris Rathgen and Jack McClure?

Justifiable Pride

My thoughts run on, stirred into action by these recent events; but I must be brief, Mr President, or stand accused of the garrulity of age. I have a message for you and for the members of your committee, which I sincerely trust will appear, if naught else in what I have written, in the pages of your booklet.

I have a great pride in Waimate High School, and that pride, I feel sure, is shared by those who were associated with me in its early days. It is a justifiable pride, for the progress and development of the school point to a sound foundation, upon which those who have followed us have built so successfully. It is a fine school in a beautiful setting; moreover, in my opinion, which is endorsed by men of wider experiences than my own, it is the type of school which is one of our great assets in the education field.



MR. D. S. CHISHOLM, M.A., Rector, 1929-1936

It is evident that it has the support of both town and country, and it enjoys the affection of its past and present pupils. You and the members of your committee, by dint of hard work and splendid organisation, have made a contribution to its welfare the value of which will become more and more apparent as the years pass by. Please accept my sincere congratulations.

It would be improper and ungracious of me if I concluded without expressing the warm thanks of Mrs Chisholm and myself to all of you in Waimate who, by your kindness and consideration, contributed so much to our enjoyment of the Jubilee Celebrations.

The Second Chapter (1936-1945)

M. Leadbetter, M.A.

IN FEBRUARY, 1936, the second Rector of the still new High School arrived to assume duty. Foundations had been well and truly laid; and he found himself with a staff as strong as in any school in the Dominion. The economic depression was departing and, though it would still be many months before the Board Chairman could comment on "the passing of an old friend" (the Board's bank overdraft), the stage was set for advance.

Early steps (1936) included the revival of the school magazine and the first issue, for historical purposes, attempted to record events from 1929 to 1936. In the same year old pupils were invited to subscribe for the purchase of the new Honours Board (I wonder if anyone has yet located the Honours Board of the old District High School? On it were some very worthy names, and we always felt that it should have had a home in the present building).

Development of transport received early attention. On the eastern side (Morven, Willowbridge) parents had to pay for N.Z.R. transport of pupils from Studholme to Waimate; and some, burdened with a sense of grievance, had elected rather to send pupils on the free rail transport to Timaru. A direct approach to the Minister saw this anomaly removed. The Board then moved to get motor transport from several areas—initially from Hunter.

Many will recall how the first step was taken through the school caretaker (Mr Eric Haynes), who drove his Morris Cowley to bring in the modest total of four pupils.

The later development—to a larger vehicle, to a bus—with extension to Makikihi was obvious and inevitable. Only a little later taxi services were developed from Waihao Downs, all being subsidised by the department, but requiring financial support from parents. It was war-time and tremendous difficulties were experienced before the final link (Morven) was made secure.

Building Advances

Country parents were eager. The school quickly developed "growing pains" and prior to the war a considerable extension was undertaken to the western wing, beyond what up till then had been Room 6. The extension included a men's staff room and a well-designed home crafts room (architect, the senior mistress, Miss Betty Stewart). A visit to the school by the Minister of Education (Hon. Peter Fraser) in 1937 saw the seeds sown for further building advance.

I wonder how many recall an interesting performance on that day. We prided ourselves on the weaving of tartan scarves; and a scarf in the Fraser tartan, woven by Joan Fraser, was to be presented by the Minister by two girl prefects. All this was designed to "soothe the savage breast" prior to a neat speech by the Board Chairman (then Mr S. I. Fitch) on the subject of our need for a metalwork room and a new woodwork room. The particular subject was raised by the Minister himself and the request granted before speech or scarf could be delivered; and the chairman was left with the speech stuck in his throat!

Great days! Subsequent building saw an extension to the eastern wing, together with the home crafts block and the manual block (completed in 1942). Again the home crafts block reflected the ideas of the senior mistress, then Miss M. Owen, while the science laboratory conformed largely to the suggestions put forward by Mr A. H. Partridge (science master). The lab, by the way, replaced the original home crafts room. These additions brought the school facilities up to first-class standard.

That Hare Drive!

At the same time we pushed on with ground development, taking out "a whale's hump" in the middle of the field, laying drains, and planting trees to a plan developed by Mr T. A. Wilson. We had some early and unusual troubles! While the silver birches were quite young we



MR. M. LEADBETTER, M.A., Rector, 1936-1945.

found one morning that dozens literally had been damaged by what appeared to us, and to the police, to be razor slashing.

Hares concealed in the long grass around the sports field were finally named as the culprits—and this led to probably the most amusing single incident (and we had plenty) in my ten-year period. I invited eight boys (including some of my Maori friends from Morven) to bring dogs to school. What I had **not** anticipated was that each boy might bring **several** dogs. In fact they had to be seen to be believed; and the sight on the morning set for action was tremendous.

We had dogs with short legs, and dogs with long; we had large, black beasts and smaller multi-coloured ones; some stood high, others had a low-slung chassis; some were speedy, some were not. As far as we could tell the one thing in common was that they were all of doubtful ancestry—but they were **very** willing.

At morning interval the whole school moved through the long grass, the hares started up and the fun began. I am not sure whether they have yet caught up with the very long dog which was caught in two minds about which hare to chase, telescoped, and finally headed at high speed for Wil-lowbridge. The total result—lots of fun, no casualties, but no signs of hares for a long time.

The Days of War

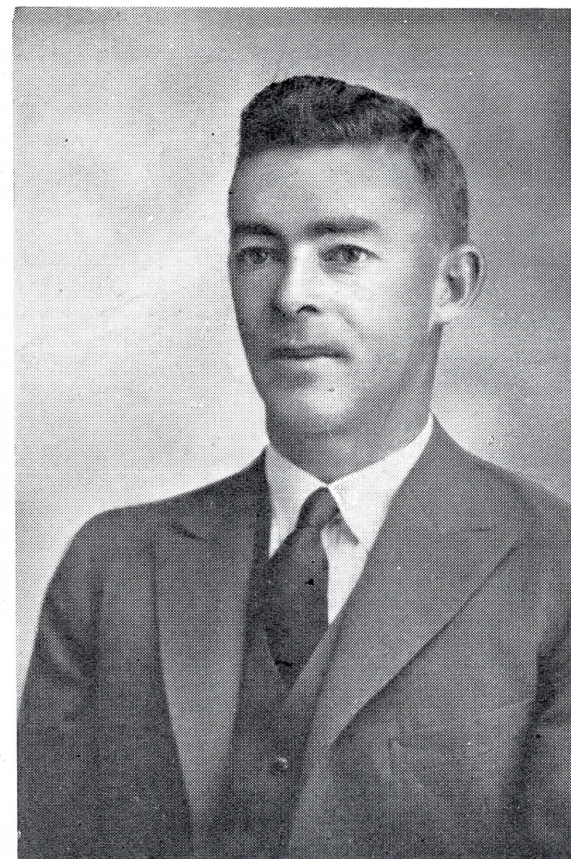
But there were darker days, also. For half of this ten-year period the shadow of the Second World War hung heavily over the school. With pride, but with anxiety, we saw (in the front hall) our photograph gallery grow of those “on active service.” Some of the best of our old boys were destined never to return. The school’s war record will bear comparison with that of any other—but at what a cost! It is fitting, too, that I should here pay tribute to the work of the late Mr D. A. Bird, of Ashburton, who was for two years Acting-Rector during my own period of leave on army service. He left the school in a very good heart.

Only a fraction of the tale has been told. Memories throng—there is an abiding impression of cream and green, of a neat and tidy school, with an obvious sense of good citizenship among its pupils. Long may that remain! There is the record of the former District High School, with its

Copland, its Strong, its Stewarts, its Parks (among many)—and (as I saw it) the challenge of the old and the new. There is a memory of faithful caretakers, of Mr and Mrs Frank Drayton, and their successor, Mr Eric Haynes (his inventions sometimes worked!), of the wholehearted interest and continuing support of Board members—wise and faithful men—under two outstanding chairmen, Mr S. I. Fitch, and Mr T. A. Wilson, with the Board secretary, Mr Stanley Grut.

Above all, there is the happy memory of a school which was always happy and alive—the result of the cheerful service of staff devoted to its best interests. I personally remember and thank those staff members who gave me such loyal support—to name only some, Messrs Sawell, Ensor, Aitken, Partridge, Francis, King, Maslin, Barclay, Blampied, Dale; the Misses Stewart, Clibborn, Miller, Wallace, Owen, Dudding, Scoon. (“Hold on to your staff,” said one group of inspectors, and I am glad to think that many of us still exchange Christmas greetings.) What grand teams we had!

The school is small, but need defer to none in quality of performance and in pride of achievement. All groups working closely toward a common end—that is what has seen great things accomplished in the past 25 years; and that is what guarantees the reaching of yet greater heights in the future. “Qui non proficit deficit.”



THE LATE MR. D. A. BIRD, M.A., Acting-Rector

During the temporary absence on active service of Mr M. Leadbetter, Mr D. A. Bird, M.A., of Ashburton was appointed as Acting-Rector on April 29, 1942, and relinquished the position on September 13, 1943, on Mr Leadbetter's return. On his departure, occasion was taken by the Board to express their appreciation of the excellent way in which he had controlled the school under difficult staffing conditions. Not long after Mr Bird returned to Ashburton he suffered an illness from which, unfortunately, he did not recover.

Contemporary Trends

By Dr. A. L. M. Perry

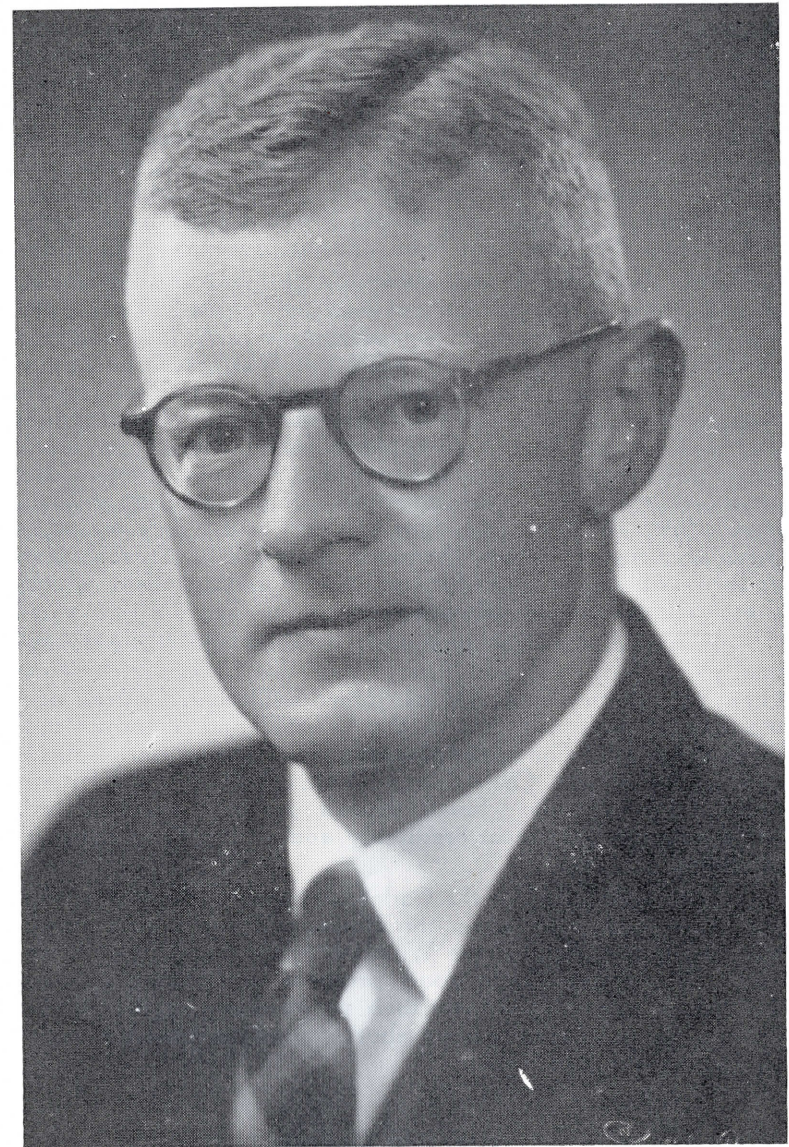
THE YEAR 1946 began the third rectorship. In the intervening seventeen years the school had consolidated and built on the sound foundations laid in 1929 and I found an institution whose members regarded talk of the 1930's as though it were related to the dim past, a sure sign of the approaching adulthood of their school. The grounds were levelled and well laid out, the trees and shrubs maturing and all the vital necessities of life were at hand. The powers-that-be had been kind to the Waimate High School, although from my reading of past rectorial reports I gather that the kindness in some instances had to be exacted.

The last eight years, then, have seen still more consolidation and expansion, so that the roll of 267 in this Jubilee year is the highest in the school's history. In this rural and long closely-settled community, a rapid and spectacular rise in numbers would be unnatural. Consequently, since the very important additions of the manual blocks in 1942 our needs have been met with the erection of dressing and store rooms, a motor mechanics practical shop and a very desirable art and music room, the latter standing in the quadrangle at the back of the main building. We have made quite a useful library out of the small building nearest to the town, a purpose it formerly served, I believe. Later pupils will remember it as a metalwork room and then as a VI Form classroom.

Six years ago, in my study at the school, we were promised in the name of the then Government an assembly hall. We have seen at least three sets of plans for this and at one stage I optimistically marked out with stakes on the south lawn the site of the hall. Various circumstances have been quoted to explain the delay in building. At present we crowd 260 pupils into the first room to the left around the corner from the entrance vestibule for school prayers.

Schooling for Adults

Perhaps the most significant development of the last few years has been the establishment of an Evening School, with a roll of between 160 and 180 drawn from the adults of Waimate Borough and County. These classes have proved extraordinarily popular and some members have attended regularly from far afield—they have made a weekly journey from, for example, Glenavy, Ikawai or Douglas, regardless of



DR. A. L. M. PERRY, M.A., Dip. Ed., Rector 1946—

the winter weather. The classes number fourteen this year (1954) and the subjects include dressmaking, millinery, woodwork, motor mechanics, trade mathematics for apprentices, commerce and typewriting. It is expected that next year will see a further increase in the number of subjects taught. I would be happy to see the inclusion of subjects with a more purely cultural value as well as the more utilitarian. At one stage we did have a physical culture class for women; but, after two years of panting and groaning in Room 5, the members gave up trying to cope with the surplus weight induced by the healthy air and good food of the district and the class died from natural causes.

Last February I was interested to hear the comments of old pupils on the attractiveness of our sports ground. We find it none too big and present pupils have for their use as fine an area as one could wish. It is a pleasure, too, to have the Primary School children using it for their sports each week. When I arrived I was somewhat concerned to find that many of our bus pupils who came from small primary schools where they had little chance of playing the usual sports still had little opportunity of participating in them here owing to the early departure of buses. A period a week of school time was, therefore, set aside for team games, and now all pupils have the privilege of participation, which, short though it be, is valuable to them.

Past pupils will be interested to know that we play annually the First XV and First XI of the Christchurch West High School, the First XV of John McGlashan College and the Second XVs and XIs of the Waitaki and Timaru Boys' High Schools. The girls play the "A" tennis and basketball teams of the Christchurch West, Waitaki and Timaru Girls' High Schools. Small though our roll numbers are, our teams perform most creditably and secure their share of successes.

The bugle band of the Cadet Company did good service until two years ago, when the Borough Council gave us on loan the instruments of the Waimate Silver Band, now in recess. Boys have made good progress in learning to play these instruments, as witness their performance at the Jubilee Church Service, after a very short period of practice under an enthusiastic bandmaster.

Changes of Uniform

The uniform has changed little in recent years. Indeed, there was little room for change or improvement, since those

responsible for the girls' uniform in particular had chosen the colours and design so well that even today one hears the most laudatory comments about it from visitors and from members of other schools. We have, however, changed to brown the black shoes and stockings of the girls. They may now also wear in the winter a very attractive green beret instead of the felt hat. The boys' uniform remains the same, except that I have tried to ensure that the manufacturers lengthen the stockings to cover at least part of the vast expanse of bare leg which used to be visible. An attempt to modernise the shape of the cap has met with only indifferent success so far.

I am out of sympathy with the megalomania of some educationists who think they see in bigger and bigger roll numbers the means to better and better education. I am convinced that this is a fallacy and I hope, for the sake of the pupils, that the Waimate High School will always remain comparatively small. In such an institution, the education—academic, social and athletic—is the richer; relationships are much more friendly and personal, both between staff and pupils and among the pupils themselves. This close relationship can make the task of the staff more exacting; but, sensibly guided and wisely used, it renders less irksome the monotonous patches which beset the lot of the teacher at times, and it makes more satisfying still the days when something really seems to have been accomplished.



Back row: Mr A. J. McRae, Mr L. J. Collins, Dr A. L. M. Perry, Mr T. A. Wilson, Mr H. C. Rollinson, Mr A. J. Kirby, Mr E. J. Hay.
 Middle row: Miss A. M. Ferguson, Miss I. M. Scoon, Mrs H. C. Rollinson (nee Angella Watson), Mr G. F. Hewson, Mrs M. E. McDonald, Miss J. M. Armstrong.
 Front row: Mr I. D. Schrader, Mr W. A. Fogarty. Absent: Miss M. King, P. T. T. Heath, J. U. Barclay.

An Old Pupil looks at the Reunion

By Fiona Shaffrey (nee Friel)

I HAD SEEN others bitten by the "reunion bug," but never till the Silver Jubilee Reunion had I had that pleasant experience. The treatment is excellent, the company of fellow-sufferers nothing less than inspiring and the after-effects pleasantly prolonged by mild attacks of correspondence, reminiscences and renewed friendships. I had imagined it would take the form of fever, but "wrong again!" as "Sharkey" used to say with the perpetually-surprised, Machiavellian beam that fooled no one.

For me the "attack" began with a steady glow as the south express pulled out of Christchurch. From the past they came: the familiar faces. As it happened, they were mainly those of the "lordly Sixth" of other days whose exalted status forbade them to recognise "the silly, little Third Formers." But this reunion bug had bitten even these erstwhile superior beings and there was mutual rejoicing everywhere. The ordinary, uninitiated traveller sat back, resigned to such outpourings as, "Do you remember . . . ?" and "Old So-and-so getting a bit thin on top!" and "Gad, sir! Those were the days when the Sixth inhabited (or inhabited) the old library."

Came then the pilgrimage back to the first-class carriage, where the well-remembered Mr Ensor held court and didn't request even one theorem, let alone a definition, and was as pleased to be seen as we were to see him. I thought I saw the Duke of Windsor on the loose, too, but he turned out to be Doug Hicks fleeing from the Forestry.

At last Studholme and the old bus—packed as usual, and an angelic infant biting me and leading me to reflect that I used to get on quite well with her mother at school, too. Then Queen Street, and shrieks of welcome and much back-slapping. And the nostalgia produced by the sight of "mere infants" racing about in the green uniform which was ours and ours alone. So this was reunionitis!

Familiar Scenes Return

It is not yet "Forty years on . . ." but I seem to hear that refrain as on the cool autumn evening school comes into view in the twilight. Down the New Road as so many times before, with Seddon Square as quietly green as ever. And the fading light falling on familiar buildings so harmoniously set in green lawns that even the new seems always to

have belonged. Reunions are indeed an invisible bond more truly forged for the break that makes them possible.

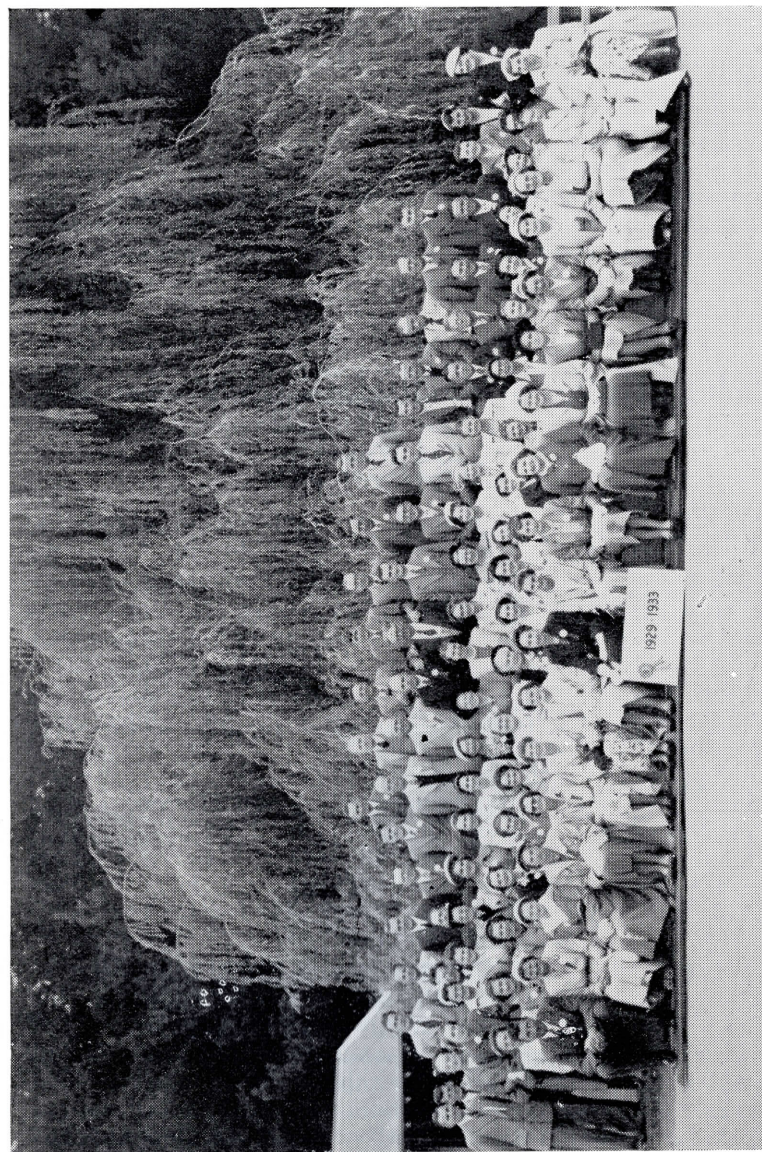
Grouped on the lawn in the fading light are so many figures it seems everyone must be there. But, alas, no! No Mr F. R. G. Aitken to try to disguise his merriment over Pat Hannifin and his intentionally outrageous French translations. No Miss V. Miller, nor Miss J. Wallace, to mention only two of those patient women who tried to cultivate the barren brain. And Mr King in your natty regimentals which suffered so from red ink in Sixth Form Latin—where were you? Also missing: Bill O'Sullivan, who called forth the classic oration by "Chis." beginning, "So this is the Sixth, where the men grow beards and the ladies put their hair up."

But gladsome to the sight they stand those tousled and game-begrimed boys of old transformed unbelievably into the natty husbands, the solid businessmen with "the name up over the shop"—the Romeos (and Juliets) of old, some settled down (and looking it), some still on the loose (and loving it), and with the scope that offered definitely making the best of it! Gone the girls of the pleats and wrinkled black knees—there stand the ladies of today. The lass who was two classes behind you at school has at least one youngster in a green uniform—you felt quite young yourself until you heard that one, didn't you? You go home hoarse after that informal "do," only a forerunner of what is to come. Saturday afternoon brings more familiar faces.

Mr Chisholm is benignly sardonic as ever and all you can see for a moment is a wintry day with the glassy surface on the road down to school hard to tread—yet he gathers himself up, manages to look no less dignified and continues on his way, if somewhat gingerly. And Mr Leadbetter, cheerfully competent as always. (Is there still a golf tee rampant on his escutcheon?) And Miss Sewell, now Mrs Holden; your smile has grown no older with the years. And Mrs Holmes, formerly Miss Stewart: we see the "flying flea" has graduated into a station-wagon.

The Old Haunts

And photographs! Don't tell us the camera can't lie. We know we never did look like that at school—so pass on quickly. Let's rush off to view the old haunts as a prelude to the gay gathering in Knottingly Park. Show you still have a turn of speed on the track at the sports meeting; tell all who hearken you feel as young as you looked in those photographs.



PUPILS OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

Now, go home and put your feet up, girls. Get those curlers in and that face-pack on. Cut a dash for your last appearance—at the Ball. As with everything else remotely reunionised, it too goes with a bang. Heart-throbs of the past reappear, twirling their life-partners or their partners of old with equal verve and abandon—everybody loving everybody else. It is lovely to say, "Oh me feet!" It seems to prove something.

Before "Forty Years On" may we meet again—feeble of foot and rheumatic of shoulder maybe, but if those are Time's saddest scars we won't have fared so badly. We ex-pupils who have wandered thank those whose foresight made Reunion 1954 a never-to-be-forgotten occasion for us all.

The Jubilee Reunion—as I saw it

By Syd Wasley

WHEN I STEPPED aboard the south-bound express at Christchurch at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 19, I was feeling somewhat lonely. I was making south to the jubilee reunion of the Waimate High School.

This may not sound lonely, but it must be remembered that a goodly bunch of years had rolled away since last I had seen any number of my former fellow-pupils, and I was a shade apprehensive as to the changes those rolling years had brought. The skinny chap I had known as Johnny Smithers would perhaps appear, I thought, as a double-chinned 14-stoner, with straining waistcoat buttons. Mary Jones, though still perhaps graceful, would be graceful in a different way. For, say what we will, and the old school tie notwithstanding, time and distance will erect barriers both of habit and appearance, and I was rather nervous in the face of their impending impact.

And thinking thus of Johnny and Mary, I felt that in their eyes also I might well appear just a little strange. "Podgy Burrows!" Johnny might think. "That chap with the hatchet face and bony legs. Not on your life! I've ducked Podgy's head under the tap too often to make any mistake about him!" Recognition would come, of course, and the years would kindly step back to show that the lads and lasses were true to label, but meantime I was not very sure of myself.

"But courage," I said. "Everyone will be in the same case; and the chap I might presently envy, as he names without fail a long list of ex-pupils, might well be marching gaily to a most distressing impasse in being unable to remember a teacher who had flogged him a hundred times."

Anyway, I gazed along the platform just in case, and there, sure enough, was Danny Graham, all the way from Rotorua, making south as I was. Of course I had met Danny through the years, and his steady transformation from skinny-legged boyhood to bell-bottomed manhood had come quite naturally. His eyebrows did go up a little when he noticed me—he seemed to be having some difficulty in reconciling the height with the breadth—but when our eyes locked our size faded, and I could see that the eyes provided the path through the years.

It turned out that there were others on board whom I ought to know and soon the great, "Remember this chap?" was on. Two school teachers showed up presently, easily and happily recognised. The sun was coming out!

All Heading Home

Surely all the pupils from Waimate must have travelled north on leaving school. At every station, large or small, one or more boarded the train. By the time Studholme was reached half the passengers seemed to be ex-Waimate-ites. The very guard was impressed.

"What's cooking at Waimate?" he asked me; and when I told him he looked as if he wouldn't have minded making one with us, and cast a rather deprecating eye on his uniform as a sort of sign of servitude. He even suggested, half-seriously, that the train might be swung on to the branch line at Studholme Junction, but marched away with a rueful smile to arrange for its continuing to less pleasant places.

To vary Kipling, he was "sagging South on the long trail, the trail that was always the same."

So we became a past memory to the guard, and at the Junction a present occasion for consternation to the bus-driver, who cast an anxious eye on his bus-springs.

It was very soon apparent, however, that, whatever the driver might feel inclined to say, he would not be heard, for the prevailing murmur soon became a babble, and by the time Waimate was reached little short of a verbal tempest. The bus itself might have been a space-ship for all the impression its rumbling made on the din inside it.



COMPLETING THE FIRST DECADE

A broad road had opened down the years! Just how anyone heard any other one was not clear—it didn't seem to matter much. Each one seemed determined to shout a contribution into the general clamour on the chance that it would register somewhere!

"This Was 'It' "

All this, however, was by way of a temporary and introductory reunion, for on arrival at Waimate the crowd separated in accordance with pre-arranged plans of staying with friends, or relatives, or even at local hostelryes. All came together on the Friday evening, at the High School, where an informal gathering had been planned.

This was "it." We all wore name-labels, and for a time we walked about pretending to go places, but really taking furtive glances at the labels and the labelled. Many a glance said in effect, Alice Spring? Surely not! Or Davey Long? I can't believe it! But always some point of familiarity bridged the years; the label-bearer was hopefully accosted—and "the eyes had it!"

We sat at the desks we had used in our youth—or we did our best, for time had shrunk those desks amazingly. Even little Hazel—(never mind!). We squirmed into our places. and got away again without taking the forms with us.

On Saturday afternoon we were arranged in decades and photographed, smiling and smiling—and feeling like smiling too. Here we were, being ordered about it is true, but with the lovely reservation that we could, at any moment, tell the orderers where they got off! We were in school, but free. It was a fine feeling. You could hear the ring of pride and confidence in the responses to the roll-call.

We "re-unioned" in the Olympia Hall at night, and there again I was amazed to note how the walls had closed in. Einstein was right. There is no absolute standard of measurement—point of view is everything.

On the Sunday a combined Church service, solemnly happy and happily earnest, was attended, and afterward a sight-seeing tour took us along the by-roads and high roads of the district. This was a good outing, though with the long string of cars on the dry roads the dust did enfold us. We knew, of course, that we were passing wonderful views, and with handkerchiefs pressed to our faces we gasped as much. It was very kind of the folk to take us, anyway.

On the Monday a sports meeting was held at lovely Victoria Park, with past and present pupils participating. Our previous activities had taken toll of our alertness, however, so times established were probably slow. A tug-of-war was staged, members pulling lustily, often for the wrong "houses." It was a pleasant scrummage anyway. We were happier, perhaps, at the succeeding afternoon tea. Everyone pulled his weight there—probably even added to it!

A jubilee ball in the evening made a very satisfactory climax to a well-organised round of celebrations. At the bus stop in the morning the crowd were quietly happy, pleasantly tired, tranquilly satisfied. The journey north was a time of quiet reminiscence, with the burden, "Do you remember?"

Yes, we remembered. Memories came crowding in.

We remembered pens speared in the ceiling, the black-board "set" on a broken peg, the blow-pipes that propelled peas, the bent-ruler catapults.

But we remembered, also, the fine characters of our teachers, who had directed, with care and understanding, the otherwise purposeless energies of our youth.

Good luck to our school, and to all who toil therein!

Today's Pupil looks at His Predecessors

(Anon)

I'M NOT quite sure, but I think it was William Pitt who spoke of the crime it was (in some people's eyes) to be a young man. But it does have its compensation and to be a **very** young man, or woman, is to be more singularly blessed—especially at reunion time! We of Waimate High School today wouldn't have missed the 1954 reunion for anything. It gave a **most** interesting insight into the ways of those who went before us!

But, seriously, we took pride in sharing the celebrations with our predecessors and we hope the part we were able to play helped make the festivities the more enjoyable for them. There were occasions we ourselves will remember for a long time.

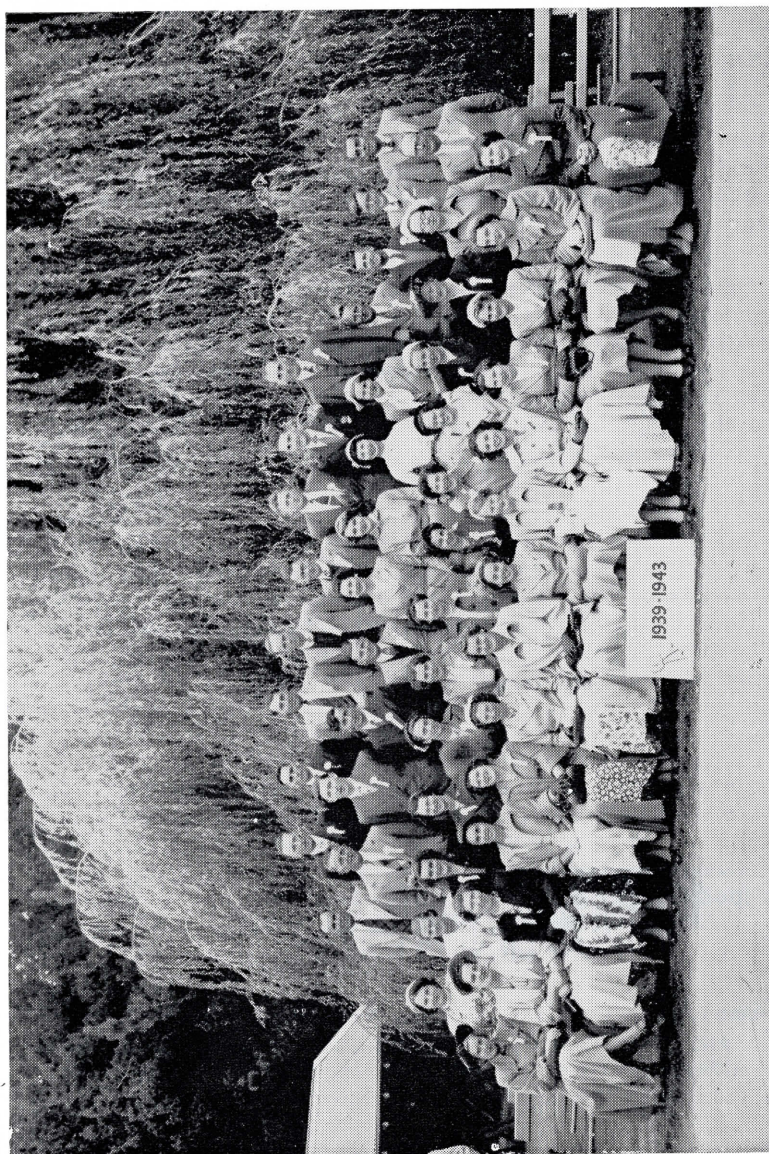
At the informal gathering on Friday evening, the School Choir gave five items and at the Sunday service

conducted by Rev L. Farquhar Gunn, of Christchurch, himself an old pupil, the School Band led the singing and present pupils attended.

On Monday afternoon, by which time we and the old pupils were becoming fast friends, the first part of the programme was taken up by a parade, taking of movie photographs and athletic events, with old pupils participating. Without a doubt the highlight was the performance in bare feet of Dave Campbell, who in 1941 set a new record for the mile. And that afternoon-tea catered for by the Plunket Society! All **that**—and our own sports meeting for the rest of the afternoon!

We shall remember the Monday morning addresses to the School by Miss Borrie and Mr Ensor, foundation-members of the staff, and another by Mr Geo. F. Hewson, an old boy. Perhaps the gayest part of the celebrations so far as we were concerned was the wonderful Jubilee Ball arranged for us in the Olympia Hall by the Jubilee Committee. Decorations from the adult ball were still in evidence and we were able to recapture the spirit of happiness which underlay all the celebrations.

Another quarter-century and we ourselves will be sharing the commemoration of a still more important milestone in Waimate High School's progress. We look forward to meeting, then, not only our present classmates, but as many of the Reunion 1954 celebrants as can attend. Meanwhile, we are keeping in healthy and cheerful flame the torch they have handed into our keeping.



THESE BEGAN WITH WORLD WAR TWO

The First Day's Roll Call

BOYS

Anderson, N.
Andrews, A.
Ainge, W. D.
Anderson, G. T.
Beckingsale, H. C.
Beckingsale, C. I.
Bird, N. G.
Berry, W.
Balfour, G. O.
Bartos, S. J.
Bird, L. H.
Brownlie, G. S.
Blair, D. J.
Brien, R. A.
Collett, G. S.
Cutler, K. M.
Carr, E. M.
Chute, R. G.
Cocks, M.
Coventry, J. E.
Cutler, T. G.
Calder, A. L.
Eddington, E. H.

Fleming, S. G.
Foster, H. F.
Goodwin, J. W.
Glynn, J. W.
Gray, A. R.
Grylla, D.
Gaul, P. J.
Hay, E. J.
Hubbard, H. J.
Healey, T. F.
Herron, C. G.
Hunt, L. G.
Jones, R. A.
Jones, D. W.
Kirkpatrick, S. D.
Leonard, J. R.
Lindsay, R. P.
Leonard, M. J.
Milne, B. E.
Mackenzie, J. G.
McClure, J. R.
McClure, D.
McNeill, W. G.

O'Malley, G. R.
Paul, L. G.
Ryan, J. P.
Ryan, C. F.
Richardson, I. E.
Richmond, J. W.
Seward, G.
Searle, G. D. D.
Sibley, R. A.
Stowell, W. A.
Shea, F. J.
Thomas, J. A. S.
Thornton, R. C.
Tamblyn, J.
Turner, W. C.
Tonkin, E. A.
Ussher, D. N.
Veitch, R. C.
Williams, E. J.
Walker, J. W. F.
Wilce, R. G.
Wilson, W. R. G.
Woods, R. J.

GIRLS

Andrews, Gladys
Beattie, C. K.
Blair, V. P.
Brown, W. J.
Blank, K.
Bishop, A. F.
Bryce, M. M.
Clark, R. E.
Cousin, M. I.
Dickson, M. F.
Dobbs, D. A.
Dasler, M. E.
Davy, E. W.
Deans, J. F.
Dunstan, R. K.
Foley, A. B. M.
Freeman, R. M.
Goodwin, L. I.
Geddes, D. J.
Gunn, E. I.
Hurst, G. C.

Harrison, V. M.
Hollamby, J. F.
Holmes, M. I.
Howe, M.
Hunter, J. C.
Kidd, E. E.
Kippenberger, J. L.
Kane, P. A.
Kennard, E. M.
Lister, N.
Marshall, E. B.
Murray, V. M.
Malthus, A. K.
Manchester, D.
Melton, F. T.
Mackenzie, M. S.
Moir, M. E.
McKenzie, J. M.
McBride, C. R.
McBride, J. E.
McDonald, E. E.

Neal, M.
Olorenshaw, M.
O'Neill, E. G.
Ottley, R.
Puttick, E. R.
Powell, V. M.
Preece, G.
Price, M. M.
Rathgen, D. A.
Reilly, I. A.
Richardson, L. I.
Tavendale, J. M.
Trezise, V.
Tumar, E.
Thompson, M. M.
Thompson, K. N.
Travers, M. L. S.
Veitch, E. M.
Whelan, M. H. J.
Weir, M. I.
White, E. M.

Prowess in Sport

ATHLETIC RECORDS TO 1953

SENIOR BOYS

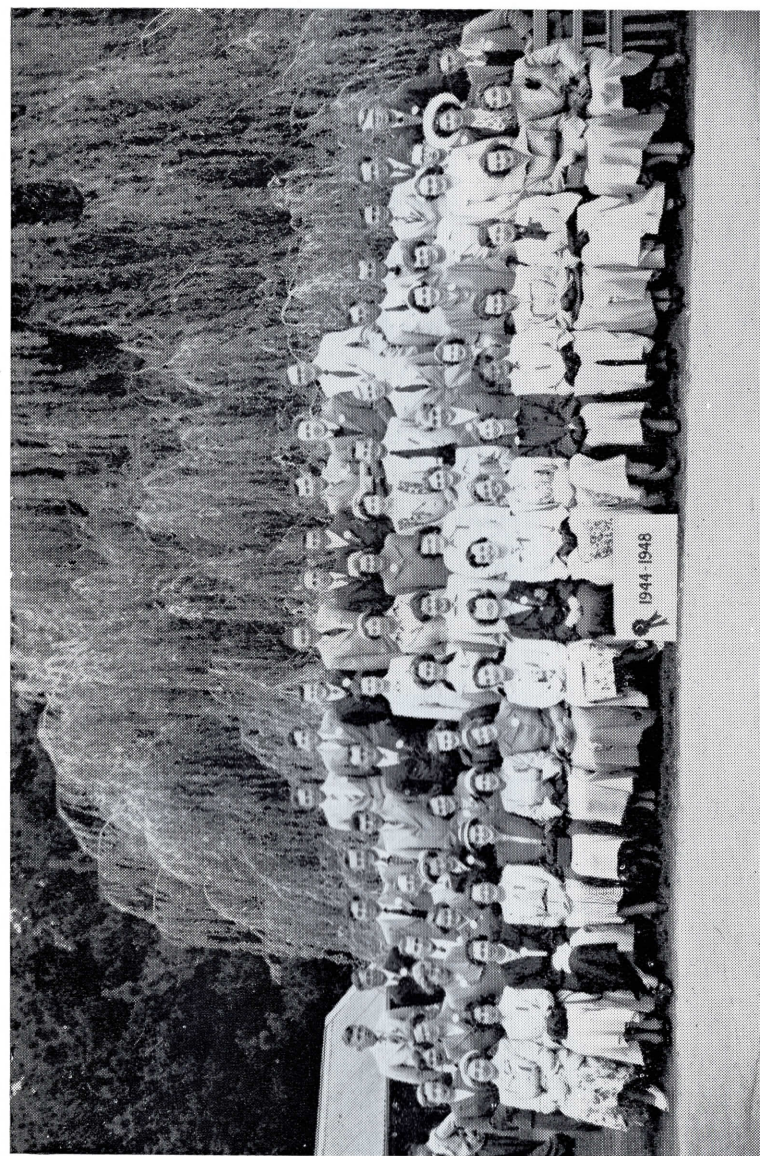
100 Yards: A. Cochrane, 1937; 10.4 sec.
220 Yards: R. Stoddart, 1947; 23.4 sec.
440 Yards: W. Foote, 1949; 52.8 sec.
880 Yards: D. Campbell, 1941; 2 min 2.6 sec.
1 Mile: D. Campbell, 1941; 4 min 36.6 sec.
120 Yards Hurdles: W. Foote, 1949; 18.4 sec.
Long Jump: M. D. Watson, 1951; 20ft 6in.
Hop, Step and Jump: M. D. Watson, 1951; 45ft 8in.
High Jump: M. D. Watson, 1951; 5ft 4in.
Shot Put: M. D. Watson, 1951; 37ft 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

JUNIOR BOYS

100 Yards: B. O'Malley, 1934; A. Cochrane, 1935; 11.2 sec.
220 Yards: M. Murphy, 1941; I. Stewart, 1943; 25.6 sec.
440 Yards: T. Ringdahl, 1949; 56.2 sec.
880 Yards: M. Duggan, 1946; 2 min 18.2 sec.
1 Mile: M. Duggan, 1946; 5 min.
80 Metre Hurdles: D. R. Buckland, 1953; 14.1 sec.
Long Jump: G. G. J. Chang, 1950; 19ft 3in.
High Jump: G. G. J. Chang, 1950; 5ft 3in.
Hop, Step and Jump: G. G. J. Chang, 1950; 40ft 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Shot Put: W. K. Richardson, 1951; 46ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

SENIOR GIRLS

50 Yards: M. McNeil, 1931; N. Price, 1933, V. Fleming, 1949; 6.6 sec.
100 Yards: N. Price, 1931; J. McRae, 1939; 12.6 sec.
75 Yards: E. Dyer, 1952; 9.4 sec.
220 Yards: A. Mullin, 1947; 29.4 sec.
80 Metre Hurdles: M. Tavendale, 1953; 16.2 sec.
Long Jump: M. Tavendale, 1953; 15ft 2in.
High Jump: J. Shackleton, 1946; D. Bowman, 1948; J. Hay, 1950; 4ft 3in.
Hop, Step and Jump: E. Dyer, 1952; 32ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Shot Put: M. Williams, 1951; 32ft 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.



ROUNDING OF THE SECOND DECADE

JUNIOR GIRLS

50 Yards: G. McLeod, 1953; 6.4 sec.
75 Yards: G. McLeod, 1953; 9.5 sec.
100 Yards: M. Bailey, 1942; 12.2 sec.
220 Yards: G. McLeod, 1953; 28.3 sec.
80 Metre Hurdles: G. McLeod, 1953; 15.9 sec.
High Jump: M. Williams, 1950; 4ft 4½in.
Long Jump: G. McLeod, 1953; 15ft 9in.
Hop, Step and Jump: G. McLeod, 1953; 32ft 11½in.
Shot Put: M. Williams, 1950; 30ft 7½in.

SWIMMING RECORDS TO 1953

SENIOR BOYS

25 Yards: A. Richardson, 1934; 13 1-5 sec.
50 Yards: S. Kirkpatrick, 1932; 32 1-5 sec.
100 Yards: J. M. Conder, 1945; 71 2-5 sec.
25 Yards Breaststroke: A. Asher, 1947; 18 2-5 sec.
25 Yards Backstroke: I. Stewart, 1945; 17 sec.
Long Plunge: L. Hoskins, 1936; 44ft 6in.

JUNIOR BOYS

25 Yards: R. Englefield, 1945; 14 4-5 sec.
50 Yards: J. M. Conder, 1944; 34 sec.
25 Yards Breaststroke: J. F. Keown, 1951; 18 sec.
25 Yards Backstroke: I. Stewart, 1943; 19 4-5 sec.

SENIOR GIRLS

25 Yards: Nancy Tewhao, 1949; 15 1-5 sec.
50 Yards: Betty Kaan, 1941; 37 sec.
25 Yards Breaststroke: Shirley Corsbie, 1945; 21 1-5 sec.
50 Yards Breaststroke: Maureen Tavendale, 1952, 50 2-5 sec.
25 Yards Backstroke: Betty Kaan, 1942; 19 4-5 sec.

JUNIOR GIRLS

25 Yards: Betty Kaan, 1940, 16 4-5 sec.
50 Yards: Betty Kaan, 1940, 37 sec.
25 Yards Breaststroke: B. Brunton, 1939; 21 sec.
50 Yards Breaststroke: Anne Berry, 1951; 50 sec.
25 Yards Backstroke: Betty Kaan, 1940; 21 1-5 sec.



THE YOUNGEST OF THE OLD PUPILS

A Reality at Last

OUR ASSEMBLY HALL

By T. A. Wilson, Esq.

OLD PUPILS will be very happy to learn that, after many years of work, organisation, appeals and negotiations, an Assembly Hall is soon about to become an established fact. Mooted in 1943 as an appropriate memorial to our fallen old pupils; held in abeyance for a year while an endeavour was made to create a community centre in Waimate, in which such a hall would play a prominent part; again revived as a definite project when local support for the community centre project was not forthcoming—and then in 1949 its erection approved and plans prepared.

A change of Government was followed by an overhaul of all such projects to keep total expenditure within due bounds. With many others our plans were deemed excessive for our requirements, and several years have been spent by the Minister and his Departmental officers in obtaining and settling the most useful type of building for requirements of schools such as ours.

Fine Facilities

The new building, for which a contract has now been let at approximately £10,000, will be of wood, with iron roof. The main hall is 70ft by 40ft and is capable of seating 500 people in comfort. The stage area is 40ft wide and 19ft 6in deep. Of this area a dressing-room on one side takes up 6ft of the width and dressing facilities on the other side are in a changing room 10ft by 20ft, from which there is access to the stage. The proscenium opening is 24ft by 13ft.

The changing room is part of an area on the south side in which there are also a shower room with hot water, a kitchen and store room 10ft by 18ft opening on to the main hall and a general entrance area for the pupils. Access is also available at two points on the north side. Spacious storage space is provided beneath the stage.

The walls are 16ft high, thus making the hall suitable for gymnastic work. Heating will be by electric fan heaters.

The hall is to be built on the lawn between the school and the woodwork building and will run at 45 degrees toward Paul street. It will be connected with the school by

a covered way leading to the present boys' entrance, which will be slightly remodelled to suit.

Funds for Furnishing

In 1947 the Board agreed to furnish any assembly hall built, and this undertaking will be observed. What additional commitments the Board will have to face it is not possible at this stage to say, but it may be that a further appeal for assistance from old pupils to fittingly complete the project will have to be made. In the meantime most generous assistance has been promised by the Parent-Teachers' Association, which has undertaken to provide the stage curtain and anything required on the stage, except the staff chairs, which will probably be provided from the Memorial Fund contributions. There is no doubt that, when completed, the hall will be an adjunct of which all connected with the school may well feel proud.

To keep Memory Green

THE SILVER JUBILEE PROGRAMME

Friday Evening, February 19, 7 p.m.	Informal gathering at the High School with short concert at 8 p.m. and supper.
Saturday Afternoon, 1.30 p.m.	Roll Call and photographs at the High School, afternoon tea.
Saturday Evening, 8 p.m.	Reunion in the Olympia Hall, supper.
Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.	Combined Church Service at High School (Jubilee Mass at 8 and 10 a.m.)
Sunday Afternoon, 1.30 p.m.	Car trips returning to Knottingly Park for afternoon tea.
Monday Afternoon, 1.30 p.m.	Sports Meeting at Victoria Park with past and present pupils participating, afternoon tea.
Monday Evening, 8 p.m.	Jubilee Ball in Olympia Hall, supper.

THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Silver Jubilee Committee consisted of the following members: President, Mr Geo. F. Hewson (Old Pupils' Association); secretary, Mr A. J. Kirby (old pupils); assistant-secretary, Miss J. M. Armstrong (old pupils); treasurer, Miss A. M. Ferguson (old pupils); Mrs M. E. McDonald (Parent-Teachers' Association), Mrs H. C. Rollinson (old pupils), Miss I. M. Scoon (staff), Miss M. King (old pupils), Dr A. L. M. Perry (staff), Messrs T. A. Wilson, A. J. McRae, L. J. Collins (Board of Governors), E. J. Hay (staff), J. U. Barclay (Parent-Teachers' Association), P. T. T. Heath, W. A. Fogarty, I. Schrader and H. C. Rollinson (old pupils).

